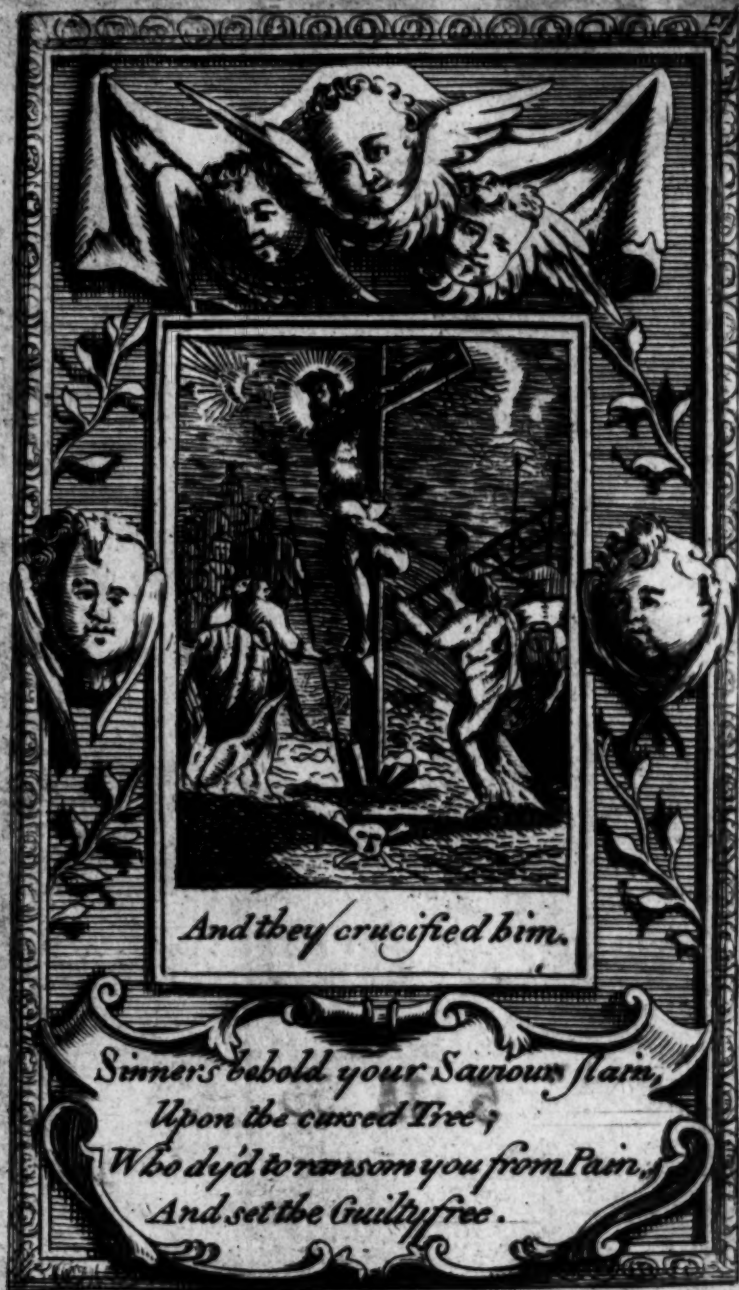




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THE
LIFE AND ACTIONS
OF
JESUS CHRIST,
IN VERSE.



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OF
JESUS CHRIST, *h*

FROM
HIS BIRTH TO HIS RESURRECTION,

BY WAY OF
QUESTION AND ANSWER.

FOR THE
EDIFICATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH.
IN FOUR PARTS.

BY A LOVER OF CHRIST.

*But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little
children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of
such is the kingdom of God.*

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TO THE
RISING GENERATION.

MY YOUNG FRIENDS,

*I*T was with a sincere desire of improving your minds, and, of turning your thoughts into a proper channel, that first induced me to lay before you, in this concise and familiar manner, the life and actions of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whose holy disposition of mind, and most fervent adherence to the paths of virtue and religion, are recommended, in the strongest terms, to your steady observance and imitation.

A second motive was, the pressing entreaties of many of my young friends and acquaintance, who saw the following lines in detached pieces, as they were at first penned, who were pleased to signify their approbation and good opinion of them by taking the pains to learn them by heart, and to repeat them by way of question and answer in their little assemblies

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assemblies in private families, and in some places of public worship.

*With such views as these I would recommend this feeble production to your consideration, hoping, notwithstanding its imperfections, it may convey to your tender minds sentiments of much more use, in future life, than those leud and obscene ballads, which are so universally introduced into most places and families, to the manifest encouragement of vice and immorality; and, which have a direct tendency to corrupt the mind, and cherish those dispositions which we ought rather to subdue, and bring into subjection, both to the laws of reason and religion **

That this may be the salutary effect of the following lines I pray the father of all mercies; trusting, that he will ever grant his blessing on any

** It has long been great matter of surprize, that some means or other have not been taken to remove those very prejudicial nuisances in our streets, of publishing to youth such songs of obscenity, with which the modest ear has been, and is daily, so often offended, and young persons so readily taught the ways of sin and destruction.*

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well-meant endeavour to promote the cause of virtue and holiness; and that he will be ever nigh to those who seek their own, or others, salvation by the truth, as it is in JESUS, however feeble the attempt may be to inculcate such dispositions into the minds of his children. *Wishing every improvement and benefit may be made and gathered from the life and actions of our common saviour, for the happiness of your immortal souls,*

I remain,

My young friends,

Your well-wisher,

And sincere friend,

The AUTHOR.

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IT has been the custom of most men to make an apology, or, assign some reason for offering their productions to the world. The best excuse, therefore, the author of this performance can make for the following juvenal attempt is, that it is a well-meant endeavour to imprint on the minds of children and youth a sober and religious turn of mind, and to induce them to an early imitation of those amiable dispositions of soul which shone so conspicuous through the whole of our blessed saviour's transactions whilst he was here upon earth.

The author is sensible—very sensible, that the performance will by no means stand a critical examination; but, at the same time, he is not without hopes, that, as it is in a dress somewhat new, and designed to be repeated by way of question and answer, it may be the
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most likely way to impress it on the minds of those for whom it was first and principally intended, viz. children and youth. If that end should be obtained, and suitable impressions made in favour of virtue, he believes it will be of some advantage to the RISING GENERATION, as the earliest seeds of virtue are generally the most fruitful and lasting, and give a stronger check to the contrary allurements and temptations, which are too generally laid before our youth, to the manifest destruction of all moral and religious government.

As a young person, and one whose attention to the duty of his calling, has but little opportunity even to think, much less to write, for the improvment of others, the author is fearful that this early production will convince the world, that, he is in want of abilities necessary for such an undertaking. But, when it is directed only to those whose tender years cannot be supposed to have arrived at a maturity of judgment, which may be reasonably expected in those of riper years, it seems not to be so necessary that an attempt of this kind, should have every requisite to recommend it to the approbation of the scholar or critic. But how

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mean soever it may appear, and how destitute of merit in the opinion of such, the author is in hopes, that, he has more innocently gratified his inclination herein, than he would have done had he indulged it in scenes of leudness and obscenity, which is too much the practice of the unthinking youth of the present age ; he, therefore, with all its faults, presumes to offer it to the world, and begs a kind and candid indulgence for the same.

If encrease of years and knowledge should render him capable, in future, to write with more elegance, propriety, and, correctness, his wishes are, and, he hopes, will be, that he may employ his abilities in the cause of virtue, and, the religion of J E S U S, as he believes such to be the most important business of our lives ; for, in that religion, is laid down the most rational and exalted plan for the improvment of our natures, and, that, in proportion, as we conform to its precepts here, our happiness will be encreased, or, our rational joys be diminished : for, as that system of laws directs us to the worship of OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN, and, WHOSE WILL should BE DONE, so it requires, that, towards one another, we should

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should be honest, just, benevolent, kind, compassionate, generous, friendly, and, forgiving; which seems, indeed, the best calculated to improve our natures, and promote the mutual happiness of society,—and, that such are the doctrines and precepts taught and enforced by JESUS CHRIST, through every occurrence in his life, appears very clear and manifest, who went about DOING GOOD: notwithstanding which, the wicked and deluded Jews spitefully used, and, persecuted him, even unto death, because, their corrupt and mistaken notions of him, were confined to earthly grandeur and magnificence. Under all these indignities, however, he bore up with becoming firmness and resolution of mind, and has left us an example, that we might follow his steps, who, having sealed the truth of his doctrines by laying down his life, is now gone to prepare and provide

Such seats of bliss, as mortal eyes
 Could never yet survey,
 For those who strive to win the prize
 That Christ shall give away.

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If, therefore, the following weak attempt, to set before children and youth, this bright example, which is contained in the life and actions of JESUS CHRIST, should attract the attention of any young minds, so as to induce them to chuse his ways, *which are ways of pleasantness*; and, to tread his paths, *which are paths of peace*, the author will think he has obtained a sufficient reward for what he has undertaken to recommend for the benefit, and, good, of the RISING GENERATION.

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TO SHORTEN A CHILD'S FIRST
T H E
L I F E A N D A C T I O N S
O F
J E S U S C H R I S T, &c.

Q U E S T I O N I.

WHAT was the chief end of Christ's coming into the world?

A N S W E R.

To save, by his almighty sov'reign grace,
A haughty, wicked, and rebellious race;
Who deep in sin of crimson hue were lain,
He came to save them from eternal pain.

Q U E S T I O N II.

In what manner did our Saviour first make his appearance upon earth?

A N S W E R.

He made his entrance not as princes do,
With gaudy pomp, and trains of idle shew;
But poor and naked in a manger's space,
He chose to take his lowly native place.

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QUESTION III.

What are we to learn by this?

ANSWER.

To keep in ev'ry state of life an humble mind,
To poor as well as rich be good and kind;
Since dust and ashes hath not ought to boast,
A few vain sums or titles at the most.

QUESTION IV.

To whom was the Nativity of Christ declared?

ANSWER.

To certain shepherds by an angel bright,
Who them surrounded with a shining light;
To whom the vision:—"Fear ye not; this morn
"To you the promis'd Saviour Jesu's born,"

QUESTION V.

What follows?

ANSWER.

An heav'nly host in shining forms appear,
And crowd with glorious train the hemisphere;
"Glory, they cry, to God that reigns above,
"T'wards men on earth be peace, good-will and love.

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QUESTION VI.

How did the shepherds proceed?

ANSWER.

They cry with joy, "Let us to Beth'lem run,
"And early seek the blessed new-born Son;"
They go direct; and with astonish'd eyes,
Behold the stable where the Saviour lies.

QUESTION VII.

What then?

ANSWER.

With chearful hymns their voices there they raise,
To God supreme they sing their grateful praise;
Then slow return, proclaiming all around,
That Jesus the Messiah they had found.

QUESTION VIII.

At what time was Christ circumcised?

ANSWER.

At eight days old; for sin's deep-rooted stain,
So soon he meekly yields to suffer pain;
They name him Jesus, messenger divine,
In whom all graces, and all mercies shine.

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QUESTION IX.

Did any thing particular happen at his presentation in the temple?

ANSWER.

With tears of gladness there old Simeon takes
The blessed babe, and thus his silence breaks:—
“ Lord let thy servant now in peace depart,
“ Whose eyes have seen the comfort of his heart.”

QUESTION X.

By whom was Christ sought of after this?

ANSWER.

Three holy men and wise, of royal birth,
Now bring him presents of the greatest worth;
Low at his feet they lay the golden store,
And solemnly the blessed Lamb adore.

QUESTION XI.

In what manner were they directed to find him?

ANSWER.

A star, whose radiant light they meet,
Directs their way, and guides their eager feet;
Before them on it goes to Judea's land,
Nor till they found him did it ever stand.

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QUESTION XII.

What was the charge given to these wise men by king Herod?

ANSWER.

Thus spake the tyrant:—"As I have decreed,
 " Rise up, and forth to Egypt haste with speed;
 " And when you've found him, hither back repair,
 " And bring me word, that I may worship there."

QUESTION XIII.

How did they return?

ANSWER.

By dreams they're taught to go another way,
 And Herod's strict commandment disobey;
 The royal strangers heed the vision shown,
 And privily departed each unknown.

QUESTION XIV.

How was Joseph warned to go into Egypt?

ANSWER.

When night had spread its pitchy darkness round,
 An angel warns him to depart the ground:—
 " Joseph, arise, to Egypt haste away,
 " Immediate go, and make no kind of stay."

QUESTION XV.

Did he obey the voice?

ANSWER.

He 'rose, and left his habitation there,
And to th'appointed land did quick repair
With Jesus and his mother, to prevent
The tragic scene of Herod's base intent.

QUESTION XVI.

*How did Herod behave after being deceived of the wise
men?*

ANSWER.

His wrath was such, that infants young and dear,
Through all the coasts round Beth'lem city were
To suffer death; who're dash'd against the stones,
And die, blest children! with pathetic groans.

QUESTION XVII.

Was not this the accomplishment of a prophecy?

ANSWER.

“ In Rama there was heard, the prophet cries,
“ Great mourning and distress, with bitter sighs;
“ Rachael lamenting at her childrens lot,
“ Who won't be comforted 'cause they are not.”

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Q U E S T I O N XVIII.

What do we hear of Christ after this?

A N S W E R.

He with his parents to the paschal feast,
Attends them there, and makes an humble guest;
Returning home, they cannot Jesus find,
Who on their journey they had left behind.

Q U E S T I O N XIX.

Where do they find him?

A N S W E R.

Within the sacred temple of their God,
They found him sitting in his blest abode;
Discourfing with the doctors, who preferr'd
The things he spoke, while all attentive heard.

Q U E S T I O N XX.

What answer does he return his parents?

A N S W E R.

“ Why seek ye me, he cries, for prithee where
“ But to my father's work should I repair?
“ For his great bus'ness, and for glorious ends
“ The son of man peculiarly descends.”

QUESTION XXI.

Where and by whom was Christ baptized?

ANSWER.

By John in Jordan, where the Saviour prefs'd
And ask'd to be baptiz'd amongst the rest;
John humbly cries:—"Unworthy, Lord! am I
"The sandals on thy holy feet t'untie."

QUESTION XXII.

Was there any thing remarkable at this time?

ANSWER.

When Jesus was baptiz'd, around his head
A shining lustre bright in glory spread;
A dove descends, and thus the voice begun:—
"In thee I'm pleas'd; thou'rt my beloved Son."

QUESTION XXIII.

Where went Christ after his baptism?

ANSWER.

He as an hermit to the desert fled,
Where by the spirit influenc'd he was led;
The tempter comes, but, lo! he came in vain,
The Saviour here his various arts disdain.

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QUESTION XXIV.

What was the first temptation?

ANSWER.

When Jesus forty days had fasted here,
The tempter 'fore him boldly did appear;
To whom he thus:—"By thy almighty word
"Of stones form bread, if thou art Christ the Lord."

QUESTION XXV.

What was the second?

ANSWER.

Upon the lofty temple now by him convey'd,
The son of God he bold again assay'd:—
"If thou art Jesus, cast thyself from hence,
" 'Tis written angels shall be thy defence."

QUESTION XXVI.

The third?

ANSWER.

Next on a mountain of extensive view,
He goes the beauties of the world to shew:—
"All these, he cries, I will bestow on thee,
"If thou'lt fall down before, and worship me."

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QUESTION XXVII.

What was our Saviour's answer?

ANSWER.

"Satan depart, and try thy arts no more,
" 'Tis said, the Lord thy God alone adore;
" Him only shalt thou serve with holy fear,
" Begone then, Satan, stay no longer here."

QUESTION XXVIII.

Was our Saviour's command obey'd?

ANSWER.

That instant forth in agony he fled,
When hosts of angels gather in his stead;
They there attend their Lord, and homage pay,
Who now for Nazareth takes his ready way.

QUESTION XXIX.

*What was the first miracle that Christ performed after
his public entrance into the ministry?*

ANSWER.

'Twas at a nuptial feast in Cana, where
The virgin Mary and the twelve were there;
Their drink exhausted, by his pow'r divine,
Before them all turns water into wine.

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What was his second?

A N S W E R .

From teaching as he came, amidst the crowd
 A leper comes, who to the Saviour bow'd :—
 “ Lord, hear my pray'r, he cries, my health restore ;”
 The Saviour touch'd, his sores were seen no more.

Q U E S T I O N X X X I .

The third?

A N S W E R .

In Capernaum was our Lord address'd,
 A good man's servant, palsy'd, lay oppress'd;
 His master cries :—“ Lord, speak ; remove his pain.”
 The cure's done, he ask'd him not in vain.

Q U E S T I O N X X X I I .

The fourth?

A N S W E R .

While on a voyage, lo ! a storm arose,
 The loaded vessel ev'ry wave o'erflows :
 “ —Why are ye fearful, faith the Lord, I save,”—
 And then rebukes them, and the rising wave.

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QUESTION XXXIII.

The fifth?

ANSWER.

A second paralytic now's convey'd,
And humbly 'fore the blessed Jesus' laid ;—
“ Mercy, they cry,—while he his pow'r seal'd ;—
“ —Thy faith is great ;—arise ye, and be heal'd.”

QUESTION XXXIV.

The sixth?

ANSWER.

A ruler's daughter on her death-bed lay,
Whose father Jesus meets upon the way ;
Her life he craves with bitter-sounding cries ;
The Saviour speaks, and—bids the maid arise.

QUESTION XXXV.

The seventh?

ANSWER.

Before him next a man possess'd and dumb,
To seek relief unto our Lord does come ;
The dæmon instantly his voice obey'd,
While multitudes the miracle survey'd.

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QUESTION XXXVI.

The eighth?

ANSWER.

Five loaves and two small fishes Jesus takes
To feed five thousand ; which his pow'r makes
Sufficient for them ; and yet left in store
(The fragments gather'd) full twelve baskets more.

QUESTION XXXVII.

The ninth?

ANSWER.

Now treads the Saviour o'er the slipp'ry wave,
His dear beloved friends distress'd to save ;
The ship he enters to disperse their fear,
And cries, " Be not afraid, for I am here !"

QUESTION XXXVIII.

The tenth?

ANSWER.

A Syrian woman loudly more and more,
(Whose daughter lay possess'd) his aid implore ;
He spoke the word : the evil dæmon fled ;
She then departing, finds her well a-bed.

QUESTION XXXIX.

The eleventh?

ANSWER.

Four thousand, with nought but seven loaves of bread,
 And some small fishes, are by Jesus fed;
 And when the multitude had eat their fill,
 Seven baskets full of food remained still.

QUESTION XL.

The twelfth?

ANSWER.

On Tabor's lofty mount doth Christ repair,
 While Peter, James and John attend him there;
 When soon with heav'nly light his features shine,
 And then attend two other forms divine.

QUESTION XLI.

Who were they?

ANSWER.

Elias, Moses too, who on either hand
 With awful distance from the Saviour stand;
 His wond'rous passion they at length explain,
 And then retire to heav'nly bliss again.

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QUESTION XLII.

How did his disciples bear this glorious sight?

ANSWER.

They trembling sink, nor dare behold his face,
For sacred glory spreads around the place;
When lo! a voice celestial rais'd their fear,
—" This is my Son, as such let mortals hear."

QUESTION XLIII.

The thirteenth miracle?

ANSWER.

A certain man came kneeling to our Lord,
Who for his son his mercy thus implor'd :—
" O Lord! have pity on my child possess,"
He answers :—" Go in peace ; thy son's at rest."

QUESTION XLIV.

The fourteenth?

ANSWER.

To Galilee again our Lord doth come,
To whom a youth is brought,—both deaf and dumb ;
Aside the pitying Saviour doth him take,
Then cries :—" Be open'd"—and he heard and spake.

QUESTION XLV.

The fifteenth?

ANSWER.

Without success or hope, but fruitless pain,
 Had Simon fish'd, and toil'd all night in vain;
 Our Saviour comes, and bids them cast:—they take
 A num'rous draught, as almost drain'd the lake.

QUESTION XLVI.

What was the consequence?

ANSWER.

Low Peter falls;—astonish'd thus began:—
 “My Lord! away! for I'm a wicked man.”
 To whom thus Jesus:—“Rise, and follow me,
 “Of men hereafter thou shalt fisher be.”

QUESTION XLVII.

The sixteenth miracle?

ANSWER.

Behold an aged parent to the tomb
 With tears attend the offspring of her womb;
 With bitter grief she mourns and watry eyes;
 Which Jesus seeing, bids the youth arise.

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QUESTION XLVIII.

The seventeenth?

ANSWER.

A band of lepers now our Lord descry,
Who come before him with incessant cry;
He to their priests bid each of them repair,
But on the road, lo! each are cleans'd and fair.

QUESTION XLIX.

Do they return and give thanks?

ANSWER.

One only comes of all the ten restor'd,
Who humbly fell, and thus address'd the Lord:—
“ All praise to thee, for thy recov'ring grace.
“ On one of proud Samaria's hateful race.”

QUESTION L.

What was our Saviour's answer?

ANSWER.

Our Lord his wonder to the man exprest;
“ I cleansed ten, but where are gone the rest?
“ Rise thou, my grateful friend; I free release
“ Thy soul from sin;—depart, and go in peace.”—

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QUESTION LI.

The eighteenth miracle?

ANSWER.

A blind man begging by the way-side cries,
As Jesus pass'd:—"O Lord! ope' thou mine eyes!"
When soon he felt uncommon chearful light,
For Jesus spoke; and he receiv'd his sight.

QUESTION LII.

The nineteenth?

ANSWER.

A courtier's son doth now expiring lay,
Whose father seeks the Saviour on the way;
Who found, he cries:—"O Jesus! help my son!
"Speak thou the word, the blessing shall be done."

QUESTION LIII.

Did Christ answer his petition?

ANSWER.

He bids the man return; who hasten'd down,
And meets his servants near Capern'um's town;
Who, full of joy, the pleasing news they tell,
Saying,—"My Lord! thy son's alive and well!"

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QUESTION LIV.

The twentieth miracle?

ANSWER.

Our Saviour's friend, who in the earth three days
 Had been inclos'd, again doth Jesus raise;
 —“ Laz'rus, come forth!” his loving mercy cries,
 When lo! with grave cloths bound they see him rise.

QUESTION LV.

What is said in Christ's parable of the wise and foolish builders?

ANSWER.

A wise man built a house;—to make it last,
 Upon a rock he builds it firm and fast;
 Which done, the storms descend, the winds arise,
 Whose steady building all their force defies.

QUESTION LVI.

What follows?

ANSWER.

A foolish builder too with pomp and state,
 Erects a house more gaudy still, and great;
 But on loose sands its tott'ring walls depend,
 Which surely falls when mighty storms descend.

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QUESTION LVII.

What are we to understand by this parable?

ANSWER.

The parable of these to me appears,
They are the wise, who lend their list'ning ears
To hear the word; who satan's pow'r defies,
And who shall stand tho' cares and troubles rise.

QUESTION LVIII.

Who are the foolish?

ANSWER.

They on external worship all rely,
And of themselves build tow'rs to reach the sky;
Works piled on works, to gain the heav'nly crown,
But undermining sin throws the vain fabric down.

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PART II.

QUESTION LIX.

*I*N Christ's parable of the prodigal son, how are we
told the young man left his father's house?

ANSWER.

His portion got, he ranges far away
To distant countries, where in shameful play
He spends his substance with a hateful band
Of wicked harlots waiting his command.

QUESTION LX.

Does this last long?

ANSWER.

No:—Mis'ry now with all its dreadful train,
Conspire against him, and encrease his pain;
In friendless climes he roves—and this his fate,
A servant's station on some swine to wait.

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QUESTION LXI.

What becomes of him after this?

ANSWER.

Once more he to his father's house returns,
 Whom, when he saw, with friendly kindness burns;
 Extends his arms, and thus his child address'd :—
 “ My son, thou'rt welcome !—enter into rest.”

QUESTION LXII.

How did his brother take this?

ANSWER.

He cries,—“ A prodigal is welcome made,
 “ Who basely hath his father disobey'd ;
 “ Such pains and care who would partake like me,
 “ And in his duty so assiduous be ?”

QUESTION LXIII.

What was the father's answer ?

ANSWER.

“ Thy brother long in vice of deepest stain,
 “ To me was dead, but now's alive again ;
 “ His tears of sorrow, and relenting heart,
 “ Cry out for mercy, which I will impart.”

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QUESTION LXIV.

Explain this parable.

ANSWER.

That straying sinner from my God am I,
Who, on returning, will regard my cry ;
He will be glad to see my absent face,
And surely give his soul-reviving grace.

QUESTION LXV.

Relate the parable of the marriage feast.

ANSWER.

A certain king a sumptuous feast doth make,
And bids the people far and near partake ;
But all agree to form excuses vain,
Some newly marry'd, others business feign.

QUESTION LXVI.

Who then attends the feast ?

ANSWER.

Th' affronted king his servants out doth send,
And bids the poor, the sick, the lame attend ;
Who flock in numbers to the royal fare,
And of his bounty take sufficient share.

QUESTION LXVII.

Did any come that were not bidden?

ANSWER.

Amidst the bidden guests a wretch appears,
Who in contempt a different garment wears;
Him doth the king command his men to bind,
In prison closely there to be confin'd.

QUESTION LXVIII.

What do you understand by this?

ANSWER.

Christ bids his people feast upon his grace,
While we, by weak excuses, shun his face;
He calls again, and asks the poor and meek,
Who willing come, and his salvation seek.

QUESTION LXIX.

What do you learn by him that came unprepared?

ANSWER.

I learn, that those who hear their Saviour's call,
And yet act wrong, or with dissembling fall
Before his throne, such servant shall remain
In dreadful danger of eternal pain.

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Q U E S T I O N LXX.

The parable of the traveller falling among thieves ?

A N S W E R.

A trav'ler passing through a lonesome way,
By thieves was stopp'd, and made the wretches prey ;
Their booty small, they smite him o'er the head,
And on the road they leave him almost dead.

Q U E S T I O N LXXI.

Does none come to his assistance ?

A N S W E R.

A priest beheld him as he pass'd that way,
Yet took no pity though he dying lay :
A Levite likewise saw him, but he pass'd
Th' afflicted man, nor eyes of mercy cast.

Q U E S T I O N LXXII.

Who then assists him ?

A N S W E R.

A good Samaritan pass'd by, who kind,
His mangl'd head and sores did gently bind ;
Then to an inn he quickly did convey
The bleeding man, and all expences pay.

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QUESTION LXXIII.

What does our Lord here recommend in this parable?

ANSWER.

Towards all our fellow-creatures ever shew
Mercy and love, good-will to friend or foe;
Which mercy shewn, will not be shewn in vain,
Christ all our kindness will return again.

QUESTION LXXIV.

Parable of the ten virgins?

ANSWER.

Five virgins trav'ling to a distant land,
To meet the bridegroom took their lamps in hand;
These well supply'd with oil they wisely kept,
But tired on the road lay down and slept.

QUESTION LXXV.

What became of the other five?

ANSWER.

With those they travel, but with pace full slow,
Prepare to meet him whom they fear to know;
Neglect their oil, and with the wise they fall
In dozing slumber, though their rest's but small.

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Q U E S T I O N LXXVI.

How are they awakened?

A N S W E R.

A midnight-cry is heard, "The bridegroom's near!"
The trumpet sounds! they rise aghast with fear!
Then would the foolish purchase of the wise,
But lo! they cry,—“Our oil will bare suffice.”

Q U E S T I O N LXXVII.

How are they received by the bridegroom?

A N S W E R.

The five with lamps untrimm'd go back for more,
The wise receiv'd in heav'n's eternal door:
The foolish they return, but lo! too late,
For darkness and despair remain their fate.

Q U E S T I O N LXXVIII.

What do you learn by this parable?

A N S W E R.

To have in view the last great judgment-day,
And do my duty in an honest way;
That when my Saviour comes, and bids arise,
I may, prepar'd, go meet him in the skies.

Q U E S.

QUESTION LXXIX.

The rich miser ?

ANSWER.

A fordid wretch, whose floors with corn run o'er,
 Whose laden coffers, full, wot'd hold no more,
 Resolves t'enlarge his barns, build greater too,
 And thus within himself thinks what to do :—

QUESTION LXXX.

Go on.

ANSWER.

—“ My soul ! (he cries) now take thine ease and rest,
 “ Thou’rt rich enough, and consequently blest :
 “ Now eat and drink, there’s store for many years,
 “ Be banish’d thought, be banish’d all thy fears.”

QUESTION LXXXI.

What was the awful voice he heard just after ?

ANSWER.

—“ Thou fool ! tho’ thus thy crops are yearly giv’n,
 “ And worldly riches plenteous sent by heav’n ;
 “ THIS NIGHT thy fordid soul do I demand,
 “ Tho’ strong in health you now a-boasting stand.”

QUES.

QUESTION LXXXII.

What do you gather from hence ?

ANSWER.

I learn,—That life is of no certain stay,
That poor and rich alike depart away ;
That earthly store will not salvation bring,
Or make my peace with heav'n's triumphant king.

QUESTION LXXXIII.

The king who took account of his servants.

ANSWER.

A king appoints to settle each account
Amongst his servants ;—sums of great amount ;
Ten thousand talents one behind-hand run,
With whom the king to settle first begun.

QUESTION LXXXIV.

How does the servant satisfy his lord ?

ANSWER.

He humbly bows, and thus doth mercy call :—
“ Have patience, Lord ! and I will pay thee all ! ”
His lord with kindness all the sum forgave,
And thus from prison did his debtor save.

E

QUES.

QUESTION LXXXV.

How does the servant afterwards proceed?

ANSWER.

With joy departs ;—but as he went his way,
He meets his fellow-servant ;—thus doth say :—
“ An hundred pence thou ow’st, unpaid before,
“ Directly pay, for I will trust no more.”

QUESTION LXXXVI.

What does the poor man do ?

ANSWER.

He humbly cries,—“ Have patience, sir ! to-day,
The hundred pence and int’reſt ſoon I’ll pay.”—
He aſk’d in vain ;—to priſon quick he’s ſent,
Who promis’d fair, and promis’d what he meant.

QUESTION LXXXVII.

What does the king ſay to this ?

ANSWER.

Enrag’d, he ſent his guards to bring in haſte,
Th’ungrateful wretch ; who thus his ſentence paſs’d :
“ Thou wicked man ! to priſon hence away,
“ And there remain till thou my debt doſt pay.”

QUE S.

QUESTION LXXXVIII.

What do you learn from this?

ANSWER.

To do to all as I'd have others do
Towards myself; the same affection shew;
By acts of kindness help the poor distress'd,
As I expect to be for ever blest.

QUESTION LXXXIX.

The parable of the lost sheep.

ANSWER.

If from a flock a little lamb doth stray,
And from its pasture ramble far away,
Who wou'd not leave the whole, and seek around,
'Till that by proper means again is found.

QUESTION XC.

Proceed.

ANSWER.

And when 'tis got (perhaps to desarts fled)
Will not the lamb with joy be homewards led;
The owner smile, and on his fruitful plain,
Amongst the peaceful let it sport again?

QUESTION XCI.

The explanation.

ANSWER.

Such joy in heaven shall there surely be
 O'er ev'ry sinner that temptations flee;
 Christ will rejoice, his angels too arise,
 And hail the wand'rer home with glad surprize.

QUESTION XCII.

Dives and Lazarus.

ANSWER.

In utmost pain, before a rich man's gate,
 Doth Laz'rus praying and entreating wait;
 Begging the broken crumbs beneath his board,
 Which Dives's stony heart will not afford.

QUESTION XCIII.

What follows?

ANSWER.

Both shortly die, and this their final state;—
 Angels on Laz'rus, fiends on Dives wait:
 In hell the latter turns his guilty head,
 While chains confine him to his flaming bed.

Q U E S.

QUESTION XCIV.

What was Dives's request ?

ANSWER.

He begs one drop of water to appease
And cool his scorched tongue for present ease ;
Deny'd the wretched object burning lies,
While Laz'rus he beholds in glory rise.

QUESTION XCV.

What do you understand by this ?

ANSWER.

I understand that justice will be done
To ev'ry good and ev'ry wicked son ;
That no respect to persons will be paid,
But equal king and beggar both be made.

QUESTION XCVI.

The unjust steward.

ANSWER.

A wicked steward, who'd abus'd his trust,
And to his sov'reign lord behav'd unjust,
Is call'd t'account ; who with perplexing care,
Doth thus his bills and long accounts prepare :—

QUES-

QUESTION XCVII.

How is that?

ANSWER.

To all his master's debtors round he went,
Enquiring what they ow'd in goods or rent;
One says, "An hundred pounds." He bids him take
The bill in hand, and only fifty make.

QUESTION XCVIII.

What is the use of this parable?

ANSWER.

From hence I learn, that friends I should secure,
Whose kindness will beyond this world endure;
And, with that share of wealth I have, relieve
The real distress'd, who're worthy to receive.

QUESTION XCIX.

Talents entrusted to servants.

ANSWER.

To distant countries long a Noble goes,
And to his servants doth his goods dispose;
To one five talents;—to a second two;—
A third receives but one as all his due.

QUES.

QUESTION C.

How do they improve these talents ?

ANSWER.

The first and second well improve their store,
And gain to what they had as many more ;
The third his talent under ground doth lay,
Improves it not in any kind of way.

QUESTION CI.

How does their lord proceed with them on his return ?

ANSWER.

The idle sluggard's in a dungeon thrown ;—
Th' industrious paid with love before unknown ;
The single talent's gave him who had ten,
Who, with fresh store, begins t'improve again.

QUESTION CH.

What do you learn from hence ?

ANSWER.

According as I'm blest'd with talents here,
In Jesu's business I must persevere ;
If RICH—wisely improve the blessing sent ;
If POOR—be honest, and withal content.

Q U E S.

QUESTION CIII.

The labourers in the vineyard.

ANSWER.

A landlord long for lab'rs did enquire,
 At length some idling found, doth sev'ral hire;
 Again he seeks, and to the market went;
 And loit'rs thence are to his vineyards sent.

QUESTION CIV.

At what time does he hire them?

ANSWER.

Some early in the morn at break of day;
 Others till noon, and after make their stay:
 But when night came, a penny each are paid,
 And first and last alike their wages made.

QUESTION CV.

How do they take this?

ANSWER.

Those who begun at early dawn exprest'd,
 They sure deserv'd more money than the rest:
 The master :--"Friends, why should it give offence?
 I, as I like, my own may sure dispence.

Q U E S -

QUESTION CVI.

What improvement is to be made from this parable?

ANSWER.

I am a lab'rer;—and my life I owe
To him who gave me what I own below:
Whether 'tis much or little, still the same
My tongue should gratefully his love proclaim.

QUESTION CVII.

What is said in the parable of the wicked husbandmen?

ANSWER.

A vintage, planted with the choicest vines,
A certain lord to husbandmen consigns,
While he to distant countries did repair;
Tho' in the product he was still to share.

QUESTION CVIII.

Do they send him the product?

ANSWER.

Servants he sends;—as often they're abus'd:
Again come more;—but they are still refus'd:
He sends his son, and cries: "Him they'll obey,
"Nor send him empty or ill-us'd away."

QUESTION CIX.

In what manner do they receive him?

ANSWER.

With barb'rous threats, the rebels loudly cry,
 "Behold the only son!—Now let him die."
 They quick dispatch him; call the vines their own;
 But lo! their lord returns, and all dethrone.

QUESTION CX.

What do you learn from this?

ANSWER.

The holy prophets, messengers of God,
 Bearing the heavenly mandate, lost their blood;
 He sent his son;—his call the Jews defy'd,
 And on a tree him shortly crucify'd.

QUESTION CXI.

What was Christ's discourse with Nicodemus?

ANSWER.

—"Man of the spirit must be born again;
 "For what is born of flesh will flesh remain;
 "He as a child untaught must e'er depend
 "On sov'reign grace, to make an happy end."

QUES-

Q U E S T I O N C X I I .

Whom doth Christ bless first in his sermon on the mount ?

A N S W E R .

Bless'd are the poor in spirit, he declares,
A glorious habitation shall be theirs :
Bless'd are the mourners, they in me shall find,
All that can comfort and relieve the mind.

Q U E S T I O N C X I I I .

How does he bless the meek, and those who hunger ?

A N S W E R .

Bless'd are the meek, for sure rewards they'll gain,
With me in heav'n shall such for ever reign :
Bless'd souls who hunger after righteousness,
They shall be fill'd with my enliv'ning grace.

Q U E S T I O N C X I V .

How does he reward the merciful and pure ?

A N S W E R .

Bless'd are the merciful, the good and kind,
They in abundance shall my mercy find :
Bless'd are the pure, for they shall surely see,
The kingdom of my father soon with me.

QUESTION CXV.

How are the quiet, and sufferers for religion requited?

ANSWER.

Bless'd are the peaceful, who from wrangling cease,
They are the children of a God of peace :
Bless'd are the suff'ers in religion's cause,
They shall be righted by its founder's laws.

QUESTION CXVI.

How does he speak of those persecuted for righteousness?

ANSWER.

Bless'd are the persecuted and revil'd,
By wicked men the vilest, basest stil'd ;
Such sure shall be of endless bliss possess'd,
And in my kingdom have eternal rest.

QUESTION CXVII.

How does he exhort mankind to brotherly-love ?

ANSWER.

He says :—" If to the altar thou repair
" Unreconcil'd, expect no mercy there ;
" Forgive in love, and thou shalt be forgiv'n,
" Thy pray'rs be heard, and answer'd too from
" heav'n."

QUEST.

QUESTION CXVIII.

How does Christ address the censorious sinner?

ANSWER.

—"Judge not, vain man! lest thou be judg'd, or why
 "Regard the mote within thy brother's eye?
 "First cleanse thy own from all its filth, and then
 "Thou'lt see to cleanse the eyes of other men."

QUESTION CXIX.

What does Christ say of the broad and narrow way?

ANSWER.

Two paths he points, in which we mortals run,
 The strait commends, the broad he bids to shun;
 The latter brings on pain and dismal woe,
 The former leads to bliss we wish to know.

QUESTION CXX.

What is the difference between these two paths?

ANSWER.

That path which leads to the celestial gate,
 Is found a thorny way, but sure and strait;
 Few passengers adorn the prickly road,
 Those few derided by the foes of God.

QUES-

QUESTION CXXI.

How are we to know the other way?

ANSWER.

'Tis quickly known;—so common is the way,
That all the thoughtless thither chuse to stray;
They hasten on, to *torment-gate* they fly,
And suffer there to all eternity.

QUESTION CXXII.

Did not some parents bring their children to Christ?

ANSWER.

Some parents did, and thus our Lord address:—
—“ Jesus! our infants we beseech thee bless;
“ Lay thou thine hand upon each tender head,
“ And let thy grace be plenteous on them shed.”

QUESTION CXXIII.

Does not his followers oppose their coming?

ANSWER.

They cry,—“ Away, nor bring such infants here,
“ Before the Saviour let them not appear.”—
But Jesus, with a sharp rebuke, reply'd,
—“ LET CHILDREN COME, THEY SHALL NOT BE
“ DENY'D.”

Q U E S.

QUESTION CXXIV.

And are not we all the children of God?

ANSWER.

He's our creator; but from him we fell
As children of the devil, heirs of hell! *
As such, grown old in vice, tho' young in days,
And gone perverse in all our childish ways.

* AS CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL, HEIRS OF HELL!
What! says the nice, the tender reader, could not the author substitute some other words to express his meaning, without wounding our ears with such an harsh expression as this; the bare reading of which is enough to make one shudder?—The author is very sensible of its harshness; but as it is a scripture truth, he thinks it cannot be too awakingly expressed at a time when religion and morality is so shockingly neglected, and trodden under foot: And however hell, devils, and eternal punishment, &c. may give disgust (at the bare expression) to the infidels of the present age, yet, true it is that Christ himself preached the same doctrine, and gave the same truths to his disciples, to be delivered faithfully unto the children of men: (a) those who are obedient, therefore, to the commands of the Lord Jesus, must speak with boldness what he hath given us for our instruction. Amen, Hallelujah!

(a) See John viii. 44.

Q U E S -

QUESTION CXXV.

How then can such rebels be brought to Christ?

ANSWER.

'Tis he must lead us by his boundless love,
To place our hearts on heav'nly things above;
While we endeavour to approach his throne,
And pray him to receive us as his own.

QUESTION CXXVI.

And will he then receive you?

ANSWER.

His mercy cries:—"Come, children, come away,
" And in my blissful presence ever stay;
" My father's promise you shall all inherit,
" The blessed fruits of my enliv'ning spirit."

END OF THE SECOND PART.

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P A R T I I I.

Q U E S T I O N C X X V I I.

*H*OW was Christ received when he entered into
Jerusalem, and in what manner did he come?

A N S W E R.

Meek, sitting on an ass the Saviour came,
While all with loud hosannas shout his fame;
Branches of palm they spread along the way,
While some before him down their garments lay.

Q U E S T I O N C X X V I I I.

Was not this foretold?

A N S W E R.

In Zechariah, chapter ninth, we see,
And verse the ninth, the following prophecy:
—"Rejoice, O Sion! for an ass shall bring
"The humble Saviour, and thine honour'd king."

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Q U E S.

QUESTION CXXIX.

What does Christ observe on entering the temple ?

ANSWER.

There he beholds with grief that hallow'd ground,
With goods for sale and barter spread around ;
Where oxen, sheep, and doves were daily brought,
And tables set with gold and silver fraught.

QUESTION CXXX.

Does not Christ reprove them ?

ANSWER.

—“ Away, he cries, ye wicked ! hence away,
“ My house, where all who love me ought to pray,
“ A den of artful robbers here is made,
“ And us'd as if design'd for noise and trade.”

QUESTION CXXXI.

Who enquires of Jesus the way of salvation ?

ANSWER.

A pious wealthy youth our Lord address'd :—
“ What shall I do to be for ever bless'd ?
“ Thou art a prophet, and canst surely tell
“ Which way t' escape the road that leads to hell.”

QUE S.

QUESTION CXXXII.

What was our Lord's answer?

ANSWER.

—" Be duteous to your parents, do their will,
" Adul'try ne'er commit, nor steal, nor kill;
" Sell all thy store, if thou wilt righteous be,
" Give to the needy, then come follow me."

QUESTION CXXXIII.

What does the young man do?

ANSWER.

With tardy steps he from our Lord doth part,
(For large possessions so engag'd his heart)
The earthly mammon bore so great a sway,
He turn'd his back, and sorrowing went away.

QUESTION CXXXIV.

What was our Saviour's remarks hereupon?

ANSWER.

—" See, says our Lord, how hard it is for man,
" Of worldly greatness, to embrace my plan;
" A camel just as easy may pass thro'
" A needle's eye as such to heaven may go."

QUESTION CXXXV.

How do the Pharisees strive to entangle Christ in his talk?

ANSWER.

Together sev'ral go with bad design,
 Against our Saviour vilely to combine ;—
 “ Master, they cry, is't lawful we should pay
 “ The tribute Cæsar doth upon us lay ?

QUESTION CXXXVI.

What is our Saviour's answer ?

ANSWER.

—“ Shew me the tribute-money, let me see
 “ Whose coin and superscription it may be.”—
 “ Cæsar's,” they cry.—“ Then unto Cæsar give
 “ What is his due :—but God's let God receive.”

QUESTION CXXXVII.

What were the signs Christ gave to his disciples of his coming to judgment ?

ANSWER.

—“ TAKE HEED ; be not deceiv'd :—for in my name
 “ Shall many come—pretend to be the same :
 “ Nations encounter nations ; famines reign ;
 “ And strong-built cities earthquakes rend in twain.

Q U E S-

QUESTION CXXXVIII.

Did our Saviour inform them of any other signs?

ANSWER.

- “ My friends, he says, who do my laws obey,
 “ In latter times the wicked will betray;
 “ Tho’ all the earth IN TIME my word shall hear,
 “ And practice what they know with sacred fear.”

QUESTION CXXXIX.

What other signs?

ANSWER.

- “ The sun’s vast globe,—the moon, pale lamp of
 “ night,
 “ Shall quit their spheres, and cease to give their light:
 “ The firmament above shall likewise melt
 “ With heat intense, as ne’er before was felt.

QUESTION CXL.

What signs does he add further?

ANSWER.

- “ Then shall the judge in glory high appear,
 “ While ev’ry guilty soul shall shake for fear;
 “ The trumpet found; the slumb’ring dead obey;
 “ And then begin the awful judgment-day.” *

* i. e. *Shall begin.*

QUES-

QUESTION CXLI.

How does Christ describe that day?

ANSWER.

- " Before the Son of Man all tongues shall come,
 " All nations shall attend to hear their doom :
 " The SHEEP on my right-hand I'll grant a place,
 " While on my left the GOATS shall bear disgrace."

QUESTION CXLII.

How will he receive the sheep?

ANSWER.

- " Come, blessed of my father ! to my rest,
 " With joy and peace for evermore be blest'd ;
 " To mansions built for all the sons of God
 " Possession take,—'tis YOUR prepar'd abode."

QUESTION CXLIII.

What will he do with the goats?

ANSWER.

- " Ye curst flock !—ye sons of guilt and hell !
 " Who from your Saviour and his laws have fell,
 " Depart to flames prepar'd for SUCH AS YOU,
 " Because the ways of sin you would pursue."

QUEST.

QUESTION CXLIV.

What is said concerning Christ and the fig-tree?

ANSWER.

As Jesus pass'd from Beth'ny, on the way
A fig-tree he perceiv'd in green array;
And, being then an hunger'd, did repair
To taste the fruit he thought was growing there.

QUESTION CXLV:

What follows?

ANSWER.

He nothing found but showy worthless leaves,
And which our Saviour's ardent hope deceives;
Who cry'd:—"Be wither'd, O thou empty show!
"No fruit hereafter shall upon thee grow."

QUESTION CXLVI.

Was his command obeyed?

ANSWER.

Soon droop'd the sprightly leaves, and liv'd no more,
Nor spring returning doth its boughs restore:
This saw th' apostles, who with wonder cry:—
"How soon it fades;—how soon its branches die!"

QUESTION CXLVII.

What was our Lord's answer?

ANSWER.

—" Why count ye this so strange, and with surprize
 " Gaze on the scorched boughs with wond'ring eyes?
 " If firm your faith, yon mountain would obey,
 " And at command immediate sink away.

QUESTION CXLVIII.

What happened before our Lord in the temple?

ANSWER.

There came a widow to the sacred place,
 Of poor appearance, but possess'd of grace;
 Two mites (HER ALL) she in the treasury threw,
 Approv'd by Christ, who her intentions knew.

QUESTION CXLIX.

What was our Saviour's improvement?

ANSWER.

—" See, says the Saviour, this good woman's zeal,
 " How plain her ardent love she doth reveal;
 " The rich (who merely give for outward show)
 " Are far less worthy heavenly love to know.

QUEST

QUESTION CL.

How does Christ foretel the destruction of the temple?

ANSWER.

When his disciples prais'd the sacred pile,
How long in building—and how great the toil;
Our Lord replies:—"The day approaches nigh,
"When all this building shall in ruin lie."

QUESTION CLI.

What is said of Mary Magdalen with her box of ointment?

ANSWER.

Where Jesus sat at meat, with rich perfume
The duteous Mary enter'd then the room;
With costly ointment by our Lord she stands,
And there anoints his head with willing hands.

QUESTION CLII.

Was not this attended with murmuring by the spectators?

ANSWER.

Some selfish worldlings 'gainst her loudly cry'd;—
"That ointment sure might better be apply'd;
"It might been sold, to help the needy poor,
"The sum would be three hundred pence, or more."

H

QUES-

QUESTION CLIII.

What was our Saviour's answer?

ANSWER.

- " Let her alone—for I commend her ways,
" And be it spoken to her lasting praise;
" You to the poor may constant goodness shew,
" But I myself shall shortly from you go."

QUESTION CLIV.

In what manner does Christ recommend the bearing of the cross to his disciples?

ANSWER.

- " Ye very few, who chuse my cross to bear,
" No gilded pleasures ever dream to share;
" But, hero-like, sustain the heavy load,
" Tho' blood, and pain, and grief, lie in the road."

QUESTION CLV.

What does he promise those who bear up to the end?

ANSWER.

- " That mighty conq'ror, who I find shall stand,
" And bravely fight against a sinful band,
" To him I will impart my promis'd rest,
" And place him high exalted with the blest.

QUES-

Q U E S T I O N C L V I.

What is the punishment of those who lay down their load?

A N S W E R.

Him will the Saviour at the last deny,
 (Who thus his cross, and thus his combats fly)
 That joyful welcome which the righteous know,
 And drive the cowards down to flames below.

Q U E S T I O N C L V I I.

How was Christ entertained by Mary and Martha?

A N S W E R.

While Jesus and the twelve were set at meat,
 Mary sat humble at the Saviour's feet;
 Attentive listens to his sacred word,
 While Martha thus address'd her sov'reign Lord.

Q U E S T I O N C L V I I I.

How was that?

A N S W E R.

—" See, Lord! my sister sitting, while the guest
 " Are much neglected at this little feast:
 " Speak thou, and bid her from thy feet begone,
 " Nor leave me here unkind to serve alone.

QUESTION CLIX.

What was Christ's answer?

ANSWER.

—“ O Martha ! Martha ! thou art full of care,
 “ And many needless things doth here prepare ;
 “ Mary the BETTER PART doth wisely chuse,
 “ The ONE THING NEEDFUL, which she ne'er can
 lose.”

QUESTION CLX.

What cure doth Christ perform on the sabbath-day?

ANSWER.

As Christ sat eating at a ruler's board,
 One with the dropfy's brought before the Lord ;
 Whom there some lawyers did designing lay,
 To see—if he would heal upon the sabbath-day.

QUESTION CLXI.

Does he perform the cure?

ANSWER.

The lawyers thoughts he knew, and thus he spake,
 —“ Is't lawful for me now a cure to make ?”
 Silent they sat, while Jesus did restore
 Th' afflicted man from all the ills he bore.

QUES.

QUESTION CLXII.

What does Christ say to the lawyers?

ANSWER.

—" Which of you have an ox, or simple ass,
" Lie helpless in a pit, wou'd by it pass,
" And not stretch forth an hand to help straitway,
" And bring it out, tho' on the sabbath-day? "

QUESTION CLXIII.

What happened as Jesus passed through Jericho?

ANSWER.

Zacchæus, short of stature, Christ would see,
With that intent he climbs a lofty tree;
For crowds unnumber'd hid him from his eye,
Who flock'd to see him as he passed by.

QUESTION CLXIV.

Did he satisfy his curiosity?

ANSWER.

He did;—and Jesus likewise saw him there,
Who to him call'd, and bid him home repair;
" Make haste, come down, for at thy house, he cry'd,
" A little time as guest I shall abide."

Q U E S.

QUESTION CLXV.

What happens at Zaccheus's house?

ANSWER.

His followers cry:—"Why will the Saviour grace
 "The table of a faithless sinner's race?
 "Why so familiar, and so kind to those,
 "Who prove themselves his most inveterate foes?"

QUESTION CLXVI.

What was our Lord's answer?

ANSWER.

—"For this I came, to save a faithless race,
 "Who nothing knew of my restoring grace,
 "That they, BELIEVING, might salvation find,
 "In ME,—who came to *teach* and *save* mankind."

QUESTION CLXVII.

What were the pharisee and publican's prayers?

ANSWER.

The Pharisee:—"I thank thee, GOD! I'm free
 "From all extortion and adultery;
 "I *fast*—give *tithes*—obey thy *sacred word*,
 "And act *upright* in *all* before the Lord."

QUES-

QUESTION CLXVIII.

What was the prayer of the publican?

ANSWER.

With lowly speech, and eyes he dare not raise,
Afar he stands, and gives to GOD the praise;
Then finites his breast: "O Lord! thou canst but know
" I AM A SINNER: thou thy love bestow.

QUESTION CLXIX.

What was our Lord's remark?

ANSWER.

—" This humble sinner's prayer acceptance gains,
" While that proud Pharisee in sin remains;
" For who *exalts* himself, *abas'd* shall be,
" And him that's *humble*, shall *promotion* see."

QUESTION CLXX.

What was requested for Zebedee's children by their mother?

ANSWER.

She, with her sons, unto the Saviour came,
There prostrate fell, and call'd upon his name:
—" O Lord! in heav'n permit my sons to stand,
" And next thy throne be one on either hand."

QUES-

QUESTION CLXXI.

Was her request complied with?

ANSWER.

Our Lord replies:—" You know not what you sue,
 " Nor can I of myself this honour do;
 " Those places by my father will be giv'n,
 " For whom at first prepar'd by him in heav'n."

QUESTION CLXXII.

What does he add?

ANSWER.

Again he cries:—" Can such as you sustain
 " My daily suff'rings, and endure such pain?"
 —" We can," (they cry)—Our Lord again reply'd:
 " So be it then, and I will be your guide."

QUESTION CLXXIII.

What did he observe to the apostles concerning this request?

ANSWER.

—" Whoever will be *great* and *valu'd* here,
 " HE *with the world* his course must ever steer;
 " But HE whose eye is fix'd ABOVE, must fall
 " Beneath a *servant*, and OBEY IN ALL."

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QUESTION CLXXIV.

What does he add farther?

ANSWER.

—“ Thus in an HUMBLE form myself I came,
 “ Not seeking pomp, or empty-sounding fame;
 “ But soon my precious life I freely give,
 “ That all in me for evermore might live.”

QUESTION CLXXV.

How does Christ reprove the adulterers?

ANSWER.

As Jesus in the temple went to teach
 His humble foll'wers—and SALVATION preach,
 A woman by the Scribes to him was brought,
 Who in adult'ry they had lately caught.

QUESTION CLXXVI.

What do they say to Christ?

ANSWER.

—“ These Moses, in his law, forbids to spare;
 “ They must be ston'd:—Does thine prove so severe?”
 Tempting they spake, designing to accuse,
 But Jesu's answer did their wit confuse.

QUESTION CLXXVII.

What was our Lord's reply?

ANSWER.

—" Let those who all their life from sin have past,
 " Now take a stone, and at the woman cast."—
 Confounded they retire, his justice own,
 And leave th' adult'refs and our Lord alone.

QUESTION CLXXVIII.

What passed between our Lord and the woman?

ANSWER.

—" Who now condemns thee?"—" No man, Lord,"
 she cries,
 (While streaming tears flow'd swiftly from her eyes)
 —" Go then in peace, thy danger all is o'er,
 " Truly repent thy crime, and sin no more."

QUESTION CLXXIX.

Where, and when, did the Jews offer to stone Christ?

ANSWER.

When preaching in the temple; fill'd with strife,
 They aim with stones to take away his life:
 But safe he goes, and doth himself convey,
 Unhurt thro' all the crowd, and went his way.

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QUESTION CLXXX.

What was this for?

ANSWER.

He preach'd his mission, and his pow'r seal'd,
 By those he sav'd, and by those he heal'd;
 THEY boast descent from Abra'm's early race,
 And treat Christ's birth and power with disgrace.

QUESTION CLXXXI.

How did Christ address them?

ANSWER.

—"Abra'm the faithful saw my glorious day,
 "Rejoic'd; and trod in truth's celestial way:
 "For 'ere he was, I AM, and shall remain,
 "Far his superior, thro' my endless reign."

QUESTION CLXXXII.

Was it for this they took up stones?

ANSWER.

It was;—who thus reply'd:—"Thou ne'er hast been
 "Yet fifty years, and hast thou Abra'm seen?
 "It can't be true, nor will we e'er believe
 "But thou art come th' ignorant to deceive."

QUES-

QUESTION CLXXXIII.

How does Christ represent himself as the good shepherd?

ANSWER.

—" I'm the good shepherd, and I know my sheep,
 " Who me obey, and my commandments keep;
 " I chuse their path, I mark the safest way,
 " And call them in when rambling far astray."

QUESTION CLXXXIV.

What does he add?

ANSWER:

—" Unlike th' hireling, with unweary'd eyes,
 " I keep my flock from all their enemies;
 " I lose my life, to heav'n ascend again,
 " To rescue all my sheep from endless pain."

QUESTION CLXXXV.

How does Christ recommend humility?

ANSWER.

At table as the twelve and Christ were set,
 (Who on the solemn paschal feast were met)
 Our Lord submissively rose from his seat,
 And, like a servant, wash'd his foll'wers feet.

QUES-

QUESTION CLXXXVI.

What says St. Simon?

ANSWER.

—"Forbear, O Lord! nor thus thyself debase,

"Stoop not so low one of sinful race;"—

Our Lord replies,—"I must thy guilt remove,

"Or thou canst have no portion in my love."

QUESTION CLXXXVII.

What does Christ add further?

ANSWER.

—"You've my example, do ye each the same;

"Have no desire to gain an honour'd name:

"For whether is the greatest, HIM THAT WAITS,

"Or one PROUD SINNER owning large estates?"

QUESTION CLXXXVIII.

How does Christ pray for his apostles and all mankind?

ANSWER.

—"Father! the hour is come," (the Saviour cries—

And raising upward both his hands and eyes)

"The work thou gavest me is almost done,

"Therefore, I pray thee, glorify thy son."

QUES.

QUESTION CLXXXIX.

How does he proceed?

ANSWER.

—“ THEE have I glorified,—salvation taught,
 “ And to myself some faithful friends have brought;
 “ I pray for THEM, that they their tongues may join,
 “ And preach to men the things that are divine.”

QUESTION CX.

What does he pray for further?

ANSWER.

—“ I pray not yet for THESE ALONE, display
 “ Thy WORD and MERCY thro’ the darkest way;
 “ That ALL may know thy love, and taste my rest,
 “ Be theirs the strife—who’ll love and serve us BEST.”

QUESTION CXCI.

How did he conclude this prayer?

ANSWER.

—“ For this I die, to save a FALLEN RACE,
 “ That they by FAITH and WORKS may see thy face;
 “ That where I am they may for ever reign,
 “ A lasting crown of glory there t’ obtain.”

QUES-

QUESTION CXCH.

What happens at the eating of the passover?

ANSWER.

Thus Jesus spake amidst his chosen few,
—" The son of man's betray'd—BY ONE OF YOU;
" Tho' awful 'tis, the man who dips with me,
" Will surely my betrayer shortly be."

QUESTION CXCHH.

*What was the sign he gave his disciples to commemorate
his death?*

ANSWER.

He broke the bread, and pour'd the mystic wine,
Then gave to each, and thus declar'd the sign:
—" This is my body—this my blood I give,
" Eat—drink ye all, believe in me—and live."

QUESTION CXCHV.

Where do they go after this?

ANSWER.

To lofty Olivet they went to pray,
(When night had clos'd the solemn festal day)
Where Jesus knelt, and with expressive sighs,
Address'd his God in deepest agonies.

QUES-

QUESTION CXCV.

What was his prayer?

ANSWER.

—“ O Father! move this bitter cup away;
 “ But since it is thy will I must obey,
 “ The mournful scene I wou’d in no-wise shun,
 “ Obedient I submit:—THY WILL BE DONE.”

QUESTION CXCVI.

How was Christ comforted?

ANSWER.

An heav’nly form now bursts the fleeting air,
 Descends to earth, and meets the Saviour there;
 Who Jesu’s human pow’rs in love sustains,
 Who strengthens him to bear more grievous pains.

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LIFE AND ACTIONS
OF
JESUS CHRIST,

PART IV.

QUESTION CXCVII.

*IN what manner, and, by whom, is Jesus Christ
betrayed?*

ANSWER.

The traitor Judas heads an armed host,
Who, for a signal, doth our Lord accost;
And tells the guards,—“Him whom I kiss confine,
“He is the prophet, and the great divine.”

QUESTION CXCVIII.

What do they with Christ?

By Judas thus betray'd, the soldiers bring
Him first to Pilate, then to Herod, king;
Where he's blasphem'd, with gorgeous robes adorn'd,
And, by mock worshippers, defam'd and scorn'd.

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QUES-

QUESTION CXCIX.

How does Christ behave under these trials?

ANSWER.

Silent he stands, and bears with patient eyes
Their cruel treatment, scorns, and mockeries;
Meek he appears before the tyrant's face,
Who back to Pilate sends him in disgrace.

QUESTION CC.

How does Pilate proceed with him?

ANSWER.

No guilt he finds;—but pleads before the Jews
His innocence:—yet they aloud accuse:
In vain does Pilate urge what they deny,
For all unite in shouting,—“CRUCIFY!”

QUESTION CCI.

What does Pilate in this case?

ANSWER.

He wash'd his hands before 'em all, and said,
—“I'm clear and guiltless of the blood that's shed.”
Then dooms the Lamb to suffer on the tree,
And die with thieves at mournful Calvary.

QUES-

QUESTION CCII.

How was Christ mocked after this?

ANSWER.

Cloath'd with a robe, and crown'd with pungent thorns,
While foldiers bow, and spit their envious scorns :
—" All hail ! " they cry ; then smites his heav'nly face,
When impious speech and laughter fill the place.

QUESTION CCIII.

What does Pilate next?

ANSWER.

He in mock grandeur brings him out to view,
Saying,—“ Behold the man !—what will ye do ?
“ Custom releaseth one :—shall Jesus live,
“ And Barrabas his sentenc'd doom receive ? ”

QUESTION CCIV.

What was the Jews answer?

ANSWER.

—" Not so, say they, but let the prophet die,
“ Give us Barrabas, Jesus crucify ;
“ His blood be on us and our babes, they cry'd ;
“ Art Cæsar's friend ? then he'll be crucify'd.”

QUESTION CCV.

What follows?

ANSWER.

The cross prepar'd, along the crowded road
Doth Jesus bear th' enormous, heavy load;
Who fainting with the weight, one Simon there,
Was quick compell'd the odious tree to bear.

QUESTION CCVI.

How do they proceed at the place of execution?

ANSWER.

When come to Calv'ry, there they him deride,
And 'mongst the guards, by lot, his robes divide;
Then did their bloody hands his body raise,
And on the cross torment him diff'rent ways.

QUESTION CCVII.

What further treatment?

ANSWER.

Then vinegar and gall to drink they give,
And cry,—“ Now save thyself, if God, and live.”
While torment flies thro' all his trembling veins,
And every quivering nerve is fill'd with pains.

QUES-

Q U E S T I O N CCVIII.

What happened at this time ?

A N S W E R.

Now darkness spread its blackest, solemn shade,
 And all its terrors here at once display'd ;
 The temple's rent in twain—the dead arise,
 And guilty murd'ers tremble with surprize,

Q U E S T I O N CCIX.

What did our Saviour pray for on the cross.

A N S W E R.

His blessed lips doth not their ways upbraid,
 But for his enemies he wept and pray'd :
 And cries : —“ Tho' they such wicked treatment shew,
 “ Father, forgive, they know not what they do.”

Q U E S T I O N CCX.

What was Joseph's petition ?

A N S W E R.

To Pilate Joseph (b) goes, and there confess'd
 His love for Jesus ; adding this request :
 —“ Permit me, sire, his last remains to give
 “ Those burial tributes which the dead receive ? ”

(b) Joseph, of Arimathea, a ruler of the Jews, and a
 private disciple of Jesus Christ.

Q U E S-

QUESTION CCXI.

Did Pilate give him permission?

ANSWER.

He gave to Joseph, freely, full consent,
Who, with his mourning friends, for Jesus went,
Takes down the body, and, with friendly care,
To his sepulchre doth the Saviour bear.

QUESTION CCXII.

To whom was Christ's resurrection first declared?

ANSWER.

To the two Maries:—who, at dawn of day,
Had reach'd the awful tomb where Jesus lay;
To whom two angels thus:—"He is not here,
"But risen is;"—and bids them cease to fear.

QUESTION CCXIII.

How do they act when they hear this from the angels?

ANSWER.

Back both return, with equal haste, to spread
The news that Christ was risen from the dead,
And to th' apostles they their joy disclose,
Who, unbelieving, thought he was not 'rose.

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Q U E S T I O N C C X I V.

Did not Christ appear again to Mary Magdalen?

A N S W E R.

Alone as Mary to the tomb repair'd,
(Not trusting what before she'd seen and heard)
Within the garden, near the sacred place,
A human form appears before her face.

Q U E S T I O N C C X V.

Who does she take this form to be?

A N S W E R.

For Joseph's gard'ner him she took, and said,
—" Master, declare where you have Jesus laid."—
—" MARY," (the Saviour cries)—his voice she knew,
And at his feet herself with joy she threw.

Q U E S T I O N C C X V I.

To whom does he appear after this?

A N S W E R.

At Galilee, to his disciples there,
Next doth the Saviour gloriously appear;
Some doubt the truth, while others him adore,
Convinc'd 'tis Jesus whom they knew before.

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QUESTION CCXVII.

What was the charge that Christ gave to them?

ANSWER.

—“ Go forth, ye shepherds, go ye forth and preach,
“ My sacred laws to every nation teach;
“ Faith and repentance be your darling theme;
“ Baptize believers in my triune name.”

QUESTION CCXVIII.

Where, and, to whom, does Christ appear next?

ANSWER.

To two disciples, on the road, alone,
Who walk'd discoursing with 'em long unknown,
Concerning what had pass'd;—how Jesus dy'd;—
By whom betray'd;—accus'd;—and crucify'd.

QUESTION CCXIX.

How does Christ make himself known to them?

ANSWER.

Ent'ring the village, they entreat he'd share
In their refreshment, while they tarry'd there;
He condescends, and bless'd, and brake the bread,
When soon the mist that clos'd their eyes was fled.

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QUESTION CCXX.

Did he converse with them after this?

ANSWER.

No ;—soon he vanish'd from their wishful eyes,
And left them there in solemn, strange surprize:
They soon return, nor long the news conceal'd,
But to th' apostles what they'd seen reveal'd.

QUESTION CCXXI.

*What happened whilst they were relating this to the
apostles?*

ANSWER.

Within the midst they see our Lord appear,
Who mildly thus accosts them :—" Peace be here."
While silent they remain, and scarce believe
But 'tis a spirit they so plain perceive.

QUESTION CCXXII.

How does Christ argue with them?

ANSWER.

—" Behold my hands and feet ;—believe, and see
" The marks I bear, as stamp't upon the tree."
His gaping wounds they plainly then perceive,
And, with astonishment, at last believe.

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QUESTION CCXXIII.

To whom else does Christ appear?

ANSWER.

To his disciples as they fishing were,
 (And who the night had spent in fruitless care)
 Upon the shore he stands, and bids them cast;
 They take a draught as all their hope surpass'd.

QUESTION CCXXIV.

What follows?

ANSWER.

Forth to the shore they bring the heavy prize,
 And eat with Jesus of their fresh supplies;
 They call him Lord; to whom he thus:—"Take care
 "And feed my lambs;—give each an ample share."

QUESTION CCXXV.

How does he part with his disciples?

ANSWER.

He takes the tender flock, the few he chose,
 And unto Bethany with them he goes;
 There lifts his sacred hands, and bless'd his own,
 And then ascended to his heavenly throne.

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END OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

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H Y M N I.

PRAISE FOR SALVATION.

—SAYING HALLELUJAH.—REV. XIX. 1.

O LORD! thy goodness I'll proclaim,
My early tongue shall sing,
The wonders of thy glorious name,
Who did salvation bring.
To speak thy praise, O tune my voice,
And bless thy sacred love,
Who dy'd that sinners might rejoice,
And reign with thee above.

Hallelujah !

Redeem'd from death, from sin and hell,
 Redeem'd from endless pain;
 Forget not, O my soul! to tell
 Of thy immortal gain:
 Such grace th' angels ever sing,
 Rejoicing round the throne,
 That tribute, therefore, let me bring,
 And *JESUS* is my own.

Hallelujah!

While thoughtless men may cease to speak
 Of things that are divine,
 Redeeming love my soul shall seek,
 That *JESUS* may be mine:
 With triumph then I'll mount and rise
 Above the sinner's scorn,
 And fix on heav'n my wishful eyes
 Till there by angel's borne.

Hallelujah!



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H Y M N II.

THE CRUCIFIXION.

THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS.

JOHN XIX. 19

YES, this is *JESUS*, crown'd with thorns,
Who bears the sinner's mocks and scorns ;
Who on the tree in tort'ring pain,
By wicked men is vilely slain.

This is the *KING*, whose pierced side
With blood and water's doubly dy'd ;
'Tis *HE*, whose hands and feet sustain
The lasting marks of love and pain.

This is the *MAN*, whom men defy,
Whom mockers pass reviling by ;
'Tis *HE*, who falls a sacrifice,
Who humbly bows, and freely dies.

Yes,

Yes, this is *JESUS*! this is he,
The crowned *KING* of Calvary;
Whom angels sing, whom mortals know,
Whom devils fear amidst their woe.

This is the *MAN*, at God's right-hand,
Whom saints adoring ever stand;
Whom seraphims above proclaim,
And, wide as heav'n, resound his fame.

This is the *KING* my soul would love,
My gen'rous advocate above;
Whom I have pierc'd and mock'd again,
By countless sins of crimson stain.

But, O my tongue! shalt thou not sing,
And, with the angels, praise your *KING*?
Dost thou lie still?—lie still no more,
But sound his praise from shore to shore.

H Y M N III.

RELIANCE ON CHRIST.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.

PSALM XXIII. I.

JESUS! my Saviour! all divine,
Behold a worm, and one of thine!
Borne up by hope, I look on thee,
Who dy'd to save a wretch like me.

Behold me, Lord! in all my sin,
I'm guilt without, and, guilt within!
Stain'd with my crimes, to thee I fly,
Be thou my helper always nigh.

My sinful heart—what pride is there!
How soon uplifted—yet how bare!
Few good affections from it flow,
While thus it cleaves to things below.

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My tongue—how backward in the praise
Of dying love, and, saving grace;
How slow it moves to sing and pray,
Tho' mercy spares so long a day.

Mine eyes—how loth to look on high,
From whence I have my whole supply;
Since SELF and SATAN reign within,
And bind me down with cords of sin.

But, JESUS! open thou mine eyes,
And bid the slumb'ring mortal rise;
Bid ev'ry power within confess
Thy wond'rous love and righteousness.

So shall my soul on thee depend,
Till time itself shall have an end;
Till I before thee, Lord! appear,
I'll trust in thee to set me clear.

H Y M N IV.

THE LAST JUDGMENT.

THE LORD STANDETH TO JUDGE THE PEOPLE.

HARK! sinners! hear the trumpet's sound!
"Ye slumb'ring dead, arise!"

While JESUS sits with pow'r enthron'd
Triumphant in the skies,
To judge mankind.

Angels and saints obedient stand
Around the judgment-seat;
While guilty souls from sea and land
In mighty numbers meet,
To hear their doom.

Here king and beggar, high and low,
The humble and the proud,
Before the Saviour naked go,
And join the trembling crowd,
With great surprize.

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His own the Saviour calls away
To realms of endless light,
And speaks the herd which went astray
To gloomy scenes of night
And tort'ring pain.

For this great day, O LORD! prepare
My sinful, guilty heart;
And guide me with a shepherd's care,
Left I from thee depart,
And fall in sin.

O bear me up! extend thy love,
And lend thine helping aid,
To raise my thoughts to things above,
From those which shortly fade
And die away.

Then shall thy servant, LORD! be blest'd
With joys that never cease;
And while with proffer'd grace possess'd,
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With God and man.

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